



# Valley Primary School Newsletter

GROWING AND LEARNING TOGETHER TO BE THE BEST WE  
CAN BE!

ASPIRE...ENJOY...ACHIEVE...CHALLENGE!

Friday  
19<sup>th</sup>  
September  
2025

## MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to our children this week. It has been wonderful dropping into classes and seeing how quickly children have settled and focused. Familiar routines, rewards, resources and expectations have supported this, but it has been equally fantastic to see children challenging themselves with new learning and by taking on new roles. A huge thank you to the children that put themselves forward for pupil leadership groups and demonstrated our value of responsibility. Children have been wearing leadership badges with pride and we look forward to working with them as they develop their roles and lead on initiatives over the year ahead.

Thank you also to children and families for the support for 'Wear White for Peace' day today. Children reflected on what peace means to them and how they promote this through kindness and respect.

Mrs Wilton

## VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

### Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility. It is crucial that we work together to ensure all our children stay safe. If you have a safeguarding concern about a child, please contact one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads in school; Miss Milewski, Mrs Wilton, Mrs Wood or Miss Lambert and Miss Freeborn for Explorers.

Should you have a concern which arises during a school holiday when school is closed, please email using the parent liaison email address FAO Designated Safeguarding Lead. We will have a DSL on call each day Monday to Friday during the school holidays who will check these emails and contact you or the relevant agency should this be needed. Alternatively, you can contact Solihull MASH team directly on 0121 788 4300 option 2 (Monday to Thursday 8:45am - 5:20pm, Friday 8:45am - 4.30pm),

If you have a concern during a weekend, you can contact Solihull MASH out of hours team directly on 0121 605 6060 (Evenings, weekends or bank holidays).

At any time, if you feel a child is in imminent danger, please call 999 and alert the police.

If you do not have a safeguarding concern but need some extra support or guidance as a family, please contact one of our pastoral team; Miss Lambert, Mrs Manton or Mrs Ford.

### GDPR Privacy Notice

Please be aware that we use a filtering system in school to monitor all school devices and accounts. This applies to both staff and students devices and accounts.

### Fallowfield Road Office

Mrs Coldwell is currently off school, so please contact the Old Lode Lane office should you need anything urgently Monday to Wednesday or if at all possible wait until Thursday or Friday to speak to Mrs Fear. Many thanks for your understanding.

## Life Skills Focus: Mental Health Management

This half term, our Life Skills focus is on *Mental Health Management Skills*. Each year group has a selection of activities designed to support children in developing positive strategies to care for their mental wellbeing. These activity banks are available on the Year Group Pages of the Valley School website.

We encourage families to try some of these activities at home. Your child can share what they've done by bringing in a piece of writing, a drawing, a photograph or a short video. Evidence can also be emailed via the class email address.

At the end of the half term, each class will select a *Life Skills Champion*; a pupil who has shown exceptional engagement with the activities. These champions will be recognised during our celebration assembly and awarded a special *gold star pin badge*.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child develop valuable life skills.

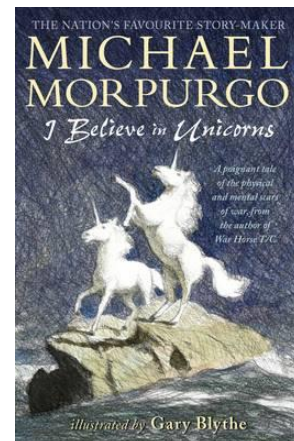
## OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

### **'I Believe in Unicorns' By Michael Morpurgo**

Tomas doesn't care much for stories. That is, until he meets the Unicorn Lady, a mysterious character who reads to the children in the local library. He grows to care deeply for the captivating tales that she tells, but when war comes to his sleepy village, his beloved library is in grave danger. Will Tomas be able to help everyone band together and save the books?

This is an inspiring tale of courage, self-belief and the power of teamwork.

**This book is suitable to read to children in Upper Phase.**



## SHARING OUR LEARNING

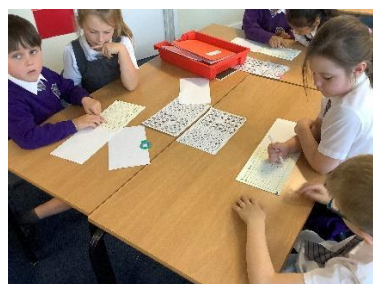
### Lower Phase

The children have continued to settle into **Nursery** life and enjoyed exploring all environments with their friends. This week they have been using the IWB to play some fun maths games, they enjoyed counting and choosing the relevant numerals to match the amounts. They had to count carefully and recognise the numerals to achieve success in this game.



### Middle Phase

The children in **Year 2** have all been working hard in their phonics groups to practise new sounds and find them in new words. They have been putting their skills into practice when reading their story books.



## Upper Phase

**Year 6** have been learning about electrical circuits by exploring how batteries, bulbs, and wires work together to make electricity flow. Through analysing diagrams and making circuits, they realised the impact of open and closed switches and energy sources on the flow of electricity. The children really enjoyed experimenting, problem-solving, and seeing their circuits come to life!



## PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

### Note to Parents

We would like to remind all parents/carers that we are a **NUT free** school, as we have a number of children and staff with allergies. Could we also remind you that all grapes and cherry tomatoes need to be cut up as they can prove to be a choking hazard, especially for our younger children.

Please also be reminded that parking on school premises is restricted to staff, permitted visitors/agencies and parents dropping off and collecting children from Valley Explorers before and after school hours. For the safety of children and adults arriving at and vacating the school site, we ask that you park considerably off premises and do not park on or block local residents' driveways.

### Further Developing Partnerships

It is always a pleasure to receive your comments and feedback, and we are always happy to answer any questions or queries you have, please continue to email these to [parentliaison@valleyprimary.org](mailto:parentliaison@valleyprimary.org)

## ATTENDANCE – W/C 8 September – 12 September 2025

UPPER PHASE	Ennis 6	95.0%	Farah 6	93.3%	Simmonds 6	<b>99.0%</b>	Holst 5	<b>97.5%</b>	Lynn 5	90.7%	Webber 5	95.7%
	Hawking 4	96.7%	Newton 4	<b>99.3%</b>	Sharman 4	96.4%						
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 3	<b>98.5%</b>	Riley 3	95.6%			Churchill 2	98.8%	Nightingale 2	<b>99.1%</b>	Pankhurst 2	93.2%
LOWER PHASE	Bell 1	92.7%	Lee 1	<b>97.6%</b>	Shaw 1	95.7%	Aston R	93.7%	Grylls R	96.5%	Peake R	<b>97.9%</b>
	Nursery	98.1%										

**Well done to the highlighted classes who are this week's winners!**

## DIARY DATES

### Please join us for these events...

- 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Phonics Workshop – Bell 1
- 24<sup>th</sup> September – Phonics Workshop – Lee 1
- 25<sup>th</sup> September – Phonics Workshop – Shaw 1

### Please support your child to participate in...

- 26<sup>th</sup> September – Times Tables Rockstars Day – Y2-Y6

Please click on the link below to see our Valley Calendar. This will be updated weekly with new events as they arise.

<https://www.valleyprimaryschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=2&pid=8&viewid=3>